

## ABSTRACT

A nonlinear circuit, nonlinear amplification method, and radio communication apparatus equipped with this  
5 nonlinear circuit are disclosed whereby, when a transmit/receive signal in which a plurality of channels whose inter-slot boundary arrival times do not coincide are multiplexed is amplified by means of a nonlinear element, timings at which the set value of an applied  
10 voltage or applied current supplied to the nonlinear circuit is caused to make a transition are selected, thereby reducing the number of times these set values are caused to make a transition, and furthermore, an applied voltage or applied current actually supplied to  
15 the nonlinear element is made to reach the selected set value sooner, and the occurrence of distortion due to transmit/receive signal amplification is suppressed. In this apparatus, the set value of an applied voltage supplied to an amplifier (102) is normally calculated  
20 based on information input from an operating condition input terminal (104), but when notification is given by a timing selection section (112) of a set value that differs from the calculated applied voltage set value, a different applied voltage is supplied to the amplifier (102) in  
25 accordance with that notification.